



# CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

## Special Concurrent City Council and Planning Commission Worksession

**July 22, 2014**

### CALL TO ORDER

The concurrent worksession was called to order by Mayor Goettel at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

*Council Members Present:* Debbie Goettel, Mayor; Pat Elliott (via WebEx); Sue Sandahl; Edwina Garcia; and Tom Fitzhenry.

*Planning Commission Members Present:* Rick Jabs, Chair; Tom Rublein; Gordon Vizekcy; Alison Groebner; and Susan Rosenberg.

*Planning Commission Members Absent:* Daniel Kitzberger and Charles Standfuss.

*Staff Present:* Steven L. Devich, City Manager; John Stark, Community Development Director; Melissa Poehlman, City Planner; and Cheryl Krumholz, Executive Coordinator.

### Item #1

### DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ACADEMY OF HOLY ANGELS DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL (COUNCIL MEMO NO. 67)

Community Development Director Stark explained the City's process related to the purchase agreement between The Academy of Holy Angels (AHA) and Semper Development, Ltd. is contingent upon the City granting the necessary approvals required for the development to progress. He added that a number of City approvals, including Comprehensive Plan and Zoning District amendments, would be required in order for this plan to move forward and no application had been submitted to the City.

Shannon Mayer, AHA Board of Trustees Chair; Pam Kerber, AHA Board of Trustees; Sister Carolyn Puccio, Board of Trustees, and Greg Sawyer, Board of Trustees; spoke in support of the proposed development and the AHA Strategic Framework and Campus Master Plan.

John Kohler, Semper Development, Ltd., discussed the feasibility of the development, including the initial design and site criteria developed with Opus.

Council Member Garcia requested there be a future meeting for the City Council so the public has an opportunity to comment on the proposed development. She stated the focus needs to be on the issues of the development and fairness in the process.

Planning Commissioner Rublein requested that a more detailed design be presented for consideration.

Mr. Kohler stated that feedback will be obtained before submitting the final application to the City.

Mayor Goettel said there needs to be larger and broader discussion on this project. The proposed Comprehensive Plan change could set a precedent.

The concurrent worksession was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:57 p.m.

Date Approved: August 26, 2014.

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Debbie Goettel  
Mayor

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Cheryl Krumholz  
Executive Coordinator

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Steven L. Devich  
City Manager



# CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

## Richfield, Minnesota

### Regular Meeting

**July 22, 2014**

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Goettel at 7:03 p.m.

*Members Present:* Debbie Goettel, Mayor; Sue Sandahl; Pat Elliott; Edwina Garcia; and Tom Fitzhenry.

*Staff Present:* Steven L. Devich, City Manager; John Stark, Community Development Director; Jim Topitzhofer, Recreation Services Director; Jay Henthorne, Acting Public Safety Director; Mary Tietjen, City Attorney; and Cheryl Krumholz, Executive Coordinator.

#### OPEN FORUM

Due to the number of pre-registered speakers for the Open Forum, the City Council extended the 15-minute time period.

The following individuals spoke regarding the The Academy of Holy Angels development proposal.

John Boyle, 2207 West 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Minneapolis, MN, spoke about the lack of a fair and open process by the AHA Board of Trustees and that he had concerns regarding the reasons AHA has provided to the City to change the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Jane Koenig, 6809 Wentworth Avenue, spoke in opposition to the sale of AHA property and the proposed project. She presented a petition containing signatures of others opposing the sale.

Rosalda Murray, 7301 Pillsbury Avenue, spoke in support of the project.

Steve Vopatek, 6620 Stevens Avenue, spoke in support of the project.

Chris DeNio, 6801 Blaisdell Avenue, spoke in support of the rezoning.

Ann Garland, 500 East 67<sup>th</sup> Street, spoke in support of AHA's vision for the future.

Jesse Foley, 6735 Pillsbury Avenue, spoke in support of the project.

John Arms, 105 Elmwood Place East, Minneapolis, MN, spoke in support of the project.

Jeff Ogden, 5200 Belmont, Minneapolis, MN, spoke in favor of the proposal.

Joan Rourke, 4725 Elliot Avenue, Minneapolis, MN, spoke in support of the project.

Fred Wroge, 6600 Lyndale Avenue, spoke in support of the project.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Goettel led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

M/Garcia, S/Fitzhenry to approve the minutes of the (1) Special City Council Meeting of July 8, 2014; (2) Special City Council Worksession of July 8, 2014; (3) Regular City Council Meeting of July 8, 2014; and (4) Special Concurrent City Council and Transportation Commission Worksession of July 9, 2014.

Motion carried 5-0.

<b>Item #1</b>	<b>PRESENTATION BY VOLUNTEERS TO ENLISTED TO ASSIST PEOPLE (VEAP)</b>
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Susan Freeman, VEAP, made the presentation.

<b>Item #2</b>	<b>COUNCIL DISCUSSION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Hats Off to Hometown Hits</li></ul>
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Council Member Sandahl reported on the success of Richfield Beautiful on July 12.

Council Member Fitzhenry announced the August 2 Urban Wildland Half Marathon and 5K.

Council Member Garcia stated that The Academy of Holy Angels development proposal is a significant change to the City's Comprehensive Plan and to ensure fairness to the process, a future meeting should be scheduled to have a discussion of substance regarding the project and receive public comment.

<b>Item #3</b>	<b>COUNCIL APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>
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M/Garcia, S/Fitzhenry to approve the agenda.

Motion carried 5-0.

<b>Item #4</b>	<b>CONSENT CALENDAR</b>
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- A. Consideration of the approval of a temporary on-sale 3.2 percent malt liquor license for the Church of the Assumption, 305 East 77<sup>th</sup> Street, for their annual Fun Fiesta on August 17, 2014 S.R. No. 124
- B. Consideration of the approval of a resolution authorizing the City of Richfield Police Department to renew the co-operative agreement to continue membership in the Hennepin County Violent Offender Task Force S.R. No. 125

**RESOLUTION NO. 10949****RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RICHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT'S PARTICIPATION IN  
THE HENNEPIN COUNTY VIOLENT OFFENDER TASK FORCE**

This resolution appears as Resolution No. 10949.

- C. Consideration of the approval of setting a public hearing on August 26, 2014 regarding the issuance of new on-sale wine and 3.2 percent malt liquor licenses for Henry Thou d/b/a Red Pepper Chinese Restaurant, 2910 West 66<sup>th</sup> Street S.R. No. 126
- D. Consideration of the approval of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant from the State of Minnesota to the City of Richfield for the grant period of July 1, 2014 – June 15, 2015 S.R. No. 127
- E. Consideration of the approval of the an amended agreement with the City of Bloomington for food inspection services for Richfield for 2014 S.R. No. 128
- F. Consideration of the approval of a temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor license for the Church of St. Peter, 6730 Nicollet Avenue, for their annual Pig Roast event on August 16, 2014 S.R. No. 129
- G. Consideration of the approval of the first amendment to the purchase agreement dated November 2, 2011 by and between the City of Richfield and Lyndale Station LLC S.R. No. 130
- H. Consideration of the approval of the bid minutes/tabulation and award of contract to Park Construction Company to repave the Wood Lake Nature Center parking lot in the sum of \$104,400 and authorize the Recreation Director to approve additional contract work provided it does not exceed \$50,000 S.R. No. 131

M/Goettel, S/Elliott to approve the Consent Calendar.

Motion carried 5-0.

<b>Item #5</b>	<b>CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS, IF ANY, REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR</b>
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None.

<b>Item #6</b>	<b>PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ISSUANCE OF NEW ON-SALE INTOXICATING AND SUNDAY LIQUOR LICENSES WITH THE OPTIONAL 2 A.M. CLOSING FOR LAST CALL OPERATING CO II, INC., D/B/A CHAMPPS AMERICANA, 790 WEST 66<sup>TH</sup> STREET S.R. NO. 132</b>
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Council Member Garcia presented Staff Report No. 132.

M/Fitzhenry, S/Elliott to close the public hearing.

Motion carried 5-0.

M/Garcia, S/Sandahl to approve the issuance of new on-sale intoxicating and Sunday liquor licenses with the optional 2 a.m. closing for Last Call Operating Co II, Inc., d/b/a Champps Americana, 790 West 66<sup>th</sup> Street.

Motion carried 5-0.

<b>Item #7</b>	<b>CONSIDERATION OF THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO MIDWEST PLAYSCAPES, INC. TO REPLACE THE PLAY EQUIPMENT IN VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000 S.R. NO. 133</b>
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Mayor Goettel presented Staff Report No. 133.

Recreation Services Director Topitzhofer reviewed the new play equipment.

M/Goettel, S/Fitzhenry to approve the award of contract to Midwest Playscapes, Inc. to replace the play equipment in Veterans Memorial Park in the amount of \$150,000.

Motion carried 5-0.

<b>Item #8</b>	<b>CITY MANAGER'S REPORT</b>
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City Manager Devich announced the Tuesday, August 12, 2014 Regular City Council meeting is cancelled. He also provided an update on the paving of Richfield Parkway.

<b>Item #9</b>	<b>CLAIMS AND PAYROLLS</b>
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M/Fitzhenry, S/Sandahl that the following claims and payrolls be approved:

<b>U.S. Bank</b>		<b>07/22/14</b>
A/P Checks: 232774-233164	\$	1,794,066.13
Payroll: 102864-103238; 42175	\$	629,480.33
TOTAL	\$	2,423,546.46

Motion carried 5-0.

<b>OPEN FORUM</b>
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None.

<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
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The City Council meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:21 p.m.

Date Approved: August 26, 2014

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Debbie Goettel  
Mayor

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Cheryl Krumholz  
Executive Coordinator

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Steven L. Devich  
City Manager